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The Honorable Wright Patman
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 17 May 1966 requesting the Agency's cooperation in the preparation of a study on the economy of Communist China. Mr. Leon Herman of the Library of Congress has been in touch with us, and we will be pleased to cooperate with the Committee in the submission of specific papers as suggested in your letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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May 17, 1966

66-2327

The Hon. W. F. Rayborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Rayborn:

The Joint Economic Committee has undertaken to prepare for publication and submission to the Congress a study of the economy of Communist China. The study will cover the principal sectors of production and distribution, as well as provide an analysis of the main trends in the current domestic and foreign economic policies of the Chinese Government.

It is intended that this study be supplemented by a session of public hearings, during which experts on the Chinese economy will be heard. The project will serve the important purpose of providing a body of current factual information and competent analytical comment to the Congress of the United States, on a large segment of the world economy that obviously has important implications for the economic policies of our own country.

In the past year, your Agency has been most cooperative in assisting us in our several studies of the economy of the Soviet Union. We would like you to help us in the present study of the Chinese economy. Specifically, we would like the Central Intelligence Agency to prepare, on the basis of its continuing research program in this field, the following three chapters for the contemplated study:

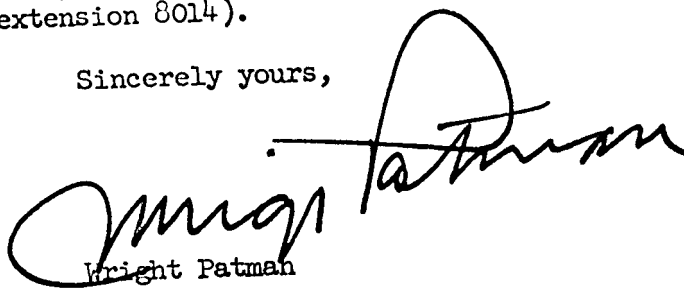
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Hon. W. F. Rayborn

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We are asking all participants in the preparation of this study to deliver their contributions to the Committee by August 31, 1966. Dr. Leon M. Herman, of the Library of Congress, has been working with Committee staff in coordinating materials and it is requested that any questions that might arise be directed to him: Room 207, Library of Congress Annex, Washington, D. C. (Telephone: Code 173, extension 8014).

Sincerely yours,



Wright Patman
Chairman



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We will be pleased to cooperate with the Committee in the submission of specific papers as suggested in your letter; ~~however,~~

If we may be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Attached is a suggested reply to a request from the Joint Economic Committee for our assistance in their preparation of a study on the economy of Communist China. As you know, we have provided this type of assistance in the past and ORR has no problem in assisting in this instance.

JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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